

ADLMGYIPLV (Core₁₃₁₋₁₄₀; SEQ ID NO:1),
LLCPAGHAV (NS₁₁₆₉₋₁₁₇₇; SEQ ID NO:26),
SLMAFTAAV (NS₁₇₈₉₋₁₇₉₇; SEQ ID NO:34), or
ILDSFDPLV (NS₂₂₅₂₋₂₂₆₀; SEQ ID NO:42),

wherein said polypeptide comprises at least eight amino acids and less than 50 amino acids, wherein said selected CTL epitope maintains an

XaaLeuXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaVal or

XaaLeuXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaXaaVal motif,

with the provisos that (a) when said selected CTL epitope is SLMAFTAAV (NS₁₇₈₉₋₁₇₉₇; SEQ ID NO:34), then said polypeptide comprises from at least eight amino acids to less than 25 amino acids, and (b) when said selected CTL epitope is LLALLSCLTV (Core₁₇₈₋₁₈₇; SEQ ID NO:2) then said molecule comprises at most ten amino acids, and (c) when said selected CTL epitope is ILDSFDPLV (NS₂₂₅₂₋₂₂₆₀; SEQ ID NO:42), then said molecule comprises at most nine amino acids.

Remarks

Prompt examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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